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**New Hampshire Veterans Home Encourages Awareness in Preparation for  
Annual Alzheimer's Memory Walk on Sunday, September 24, 2006**

**TILTON, NH** – August 7, 2006 – Residents and staff of the New Hampshire Veterans Home (“NHVH”) welcome community members to join them in increasing awareness and making preparations for the local Alzheimer’s Association 2006 Memory Walk on Sunday, September 24, 2006. Registration opens at 1:00 p.m., and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. The annual event raises awareness and funds to support local programs for both people with Alzheimer’s and their families and caregivers. Participants may walk individually or as part of a team. Walkers ask friends, family members or businesses to sponsor them by making a donation to the Alzheimer’s Association.

The New Hampshire Veterans Home has 100 veterans who reside in its Life Enhancement Dementia Unit and is proud to be a leader in providing quality of life care to persons who suffer from Alzheimer’s and other related memory impairment disorders. Residents, staff and volunteers also recognize the importance of increasing awareness and supporting research efforts for the disease.

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In addition to participating in the Memory Walk, the NHVH family is offering a number of opportunities for the community to show their support for Alzheimer's awareness and make a contribution to support the Alzheimer's Association. From now until September 24<sup>th</sup>, pay tribute to a family member or friend who is affected by Alzheimer's by purchasing a Forget-Me-Not flower that will be displayed on the New Hampshire Veterans Home's *Pathway of Hope*. Forget-Me-Nots are available for \$1.00 each and may be purchased at the NHVH reception desk from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Join NHVH residents and staff on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 p.m. to see the Fisher Cats take on the Binghamton Mets. NHVH has reserved 50 tickets in the same section that our veterans will be sitting. The tickets are available for \$8.00 each at the NHVH reception desk. Three dollars of each ticket purchased will be contributed to the Alzheimer's Memory Walk.

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, help us raise some dough for the Memory Walk by dining at the Pizzeria Uno located in the Tanger Outlet Center in Tilton. Dough raiser donation tickets are available at the NHVH reception desk. Present the ticket to your server at the time of payment, and 20% of your check's total, excluding tax and tip, will be donated to the Memory Walk at the New Hampshire Veterans Home.

For additional information or to offer volunteer assistance with planning the Memory Walk, please contact Tom Heald, Sandy Valtz or Anne Howe at (603) 527- 4400.

### **About the New Hampshire Veterans Home**

The New Hampshire Veterans Home ("NHVH") was initially established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility in its countryside setting is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans. The New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund enhances the residents' quality of life through a variety of donor supported programs, activities and equipment.

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As a professional health care provider, NHVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents' quality of life. NHVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy.

Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous veteran service organizations to enrich our residents' lives. In 2004, NHVH opened the 100-person Life Enhancement Dementia Unit to serve the long-term care needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer's and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition will enable NHVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents.

Additional information is available online at our website [www.nh.gov/veterans](http://www.nh.gov/veterans)

### **About the Alzheimer's Association**

The Alzheimer's Association, the world leader in Alzheimer research and support, is the first and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments and an eventual cure for Alzheimer's. For 25 years, the donor-supported, not-for-profit Alzheimer's Association has provided reliable information and care consultation; created supportive services; increased funding for dementia research; and influenced public policy changes. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease. Additional information and a link to online fundraising are available at [www.alzvtnh.org](http://www.alzvtnh.org)

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